

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

ALICE D. SALAZAR,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civ. No. 16-1134 GJF

NANCY A. BERRYHILL,  
*Acting Commissioner of the  
Social Security Administration,*

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING ATTORNEY FEES**


This matter is before the Court on the parties' "Joint Stipulation to Attorney's Fees" ("Stipulation"). ECF No. 27. Having considered the record, relevant law, and the stipulations of the parties, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Defendant will pay Plaintiff a total of \$7,500.00 in fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 *et seq.* This amount is payable to Plaintiff, not directly to his counsel. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 591-93 (2010). Plaintiff's payment will be remitted to the office of her attorney, Francesca J. McDowell.

2. Defendant's payment of this amount is without prejudice to Plaintiff's counsel's right to seek attorney fees under section 406(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.

3. If Plaintiff's counsel receives attorney fees under both the EAJA and 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) of the Social Security Act, Plaintiff's counsel shall refund the smaller award to Plaintiff pursuant to *Weakley v. Bowen*, 803 F.2d 575, 580 (10th Cir. 1986).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



THE HONORABLE GREGORY J. FOURATT  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
**Presiding by Consent**